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<i>Art Unit</i>	1763
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For: PLASMA FILM-FORMING APPARATUS )  
AND CLEANING METHOD FOR THE SAME )

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**TRANSMITTAL OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ONE MONTH TO RESPOND**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicants enclose herewith a Request for One Month Extension of Time to respond to the final rejection of September 10, 2003 and a proper response in the form of a Request for Continued Examination, together with the required combined fee of \$880.00 in the form of a check made payable to the Director of Patents and Trademarks. The total fee was calculated as \$770.00 for the RCE fee for a large entity, and as \$110.00 for the fee for extension for response in the first month for a large entity.

Kindly accept the Request for Extension of Time and the Request for Continued Examination and consider the Amendment filed on December 4, 2003 in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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